

1115 Waiver Evaluation Components Update

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DHCS Overarching Goals

Culture focused on quality, outcomes:

- Improve the health program members
- Enhance the patient care experience
- Control costs, and ensure value
 - Value measured as outcomes per dollar spent





Evaluation Requirements

Special Terms & Conditions requires evaluation design that includes:

- Outcome measures to evaluate impact of on target populations
- Effectiveness of using SNCP funding
- Analysis of how effects of Demonstration programs will be isolated from other initiatives in the State
- Quarterly and annual progress reports to CMS on evaluation design implementation





Evaluation Components

- 1. Low Income Health Program (LIHP)
- Seniors and Persons with Disabilities (SPD)
- 3. California Children's Services (CCS)
 Pilots
- 4. Delivery System Reform Incentive Payments (DSRIP)





Specific Evaluation Components





LIHP – Bridge to Reform

Monitor progress & "bridge" in four areas:

- 1. Outreach, enrollment, retention & transition
- 2. Coverage expansion
- 3. Access to, and quality of, care
- 4. System redesign in anticipation of 2014

UCLA Center for Health Policy Research

Funding - Blue Shield of California Foundation





LIHP – Bridge to Reform

Performance Dashboard for counties:

- Enrollment
- Demographics
- Service utilization
- Quality of care (selected services)





LIHP – Bridge to Reform

Issue briefs:

- Enrollment strategies into LIHPs
- Transition strategies to Medi-Cal/Exchange
- Characteristics of transition populations
- Delivery system innovations for 2014





CCS Pilots

Outcomes for evaluation:

- Improvement in coordination and quality of care
- Reduction in rate of growth in spending
- Change in mix of services (e.g. reduction in ER & inpatient use; increased community-based services)
- Improvement in value/cost-effectiveness of care
- Improvement in patient and family satisfaction
- Increase in satisfaction with the delivery and reimbursement among providers





CCS Pilot Evaluation

- Proposal from UCLA Center for Health Policy Research
 - Incorporates Mathematica framework
- Funding in discussion with Lucille
 Packard Foundation for Children's Health





CCS Evaluation Approach

- Quantitative assessment of outcomes
 - Difference in difference comparison between pilots
 - Patient/Family Experience survey
- Assess program implementation
 - Performance dashboard
- Qualitative analysis
 - Insights into bringing pilots to scale





CCS Evaluation Reports

- Family Centered Care Approaches
- Culturally & Linguistically Appropriate Care
- Best Practices for "Whole-Child" Approach
- Medical Home Assignment
- Care Coordination
- Quality Monitoring





SPDs: Coordinated System of Care

In discussion with UC San Diego
Possible funding - CA HealthCare Foundation

Overarching research areas:

- 1. Overall illness level of beneficiaries
- 2. Enrollee characteristics by plan
- 3. Preventive services use
- 4. Rates of ER & hospitalization





DSRIP: Quality and Integration

Document the gain from this investment:

- Tracking and QI for planning and implementation - Years 1-2 and ongoing
- Best practices/barriers measure specific projects :
 - Improvements in patient outcomes
 - Movement toward integrated systems
 - Quality/cost for target populations

